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SUBJ: SENEGALESE PRESIDENT SENGHOR COMMENTS ON AFRO-ARAB MINISTERIAL

SAHARA, AND RELATIONS WITH LIBYA

REF: A) DAKAR 2370, B) DAKAR 2360

1. SUMMARY: SENGHOR HOPES THAT AFRO-ARAB MINISTERIAL WILL

KEEP TO NON-POLITICAL AGENDA. HE PLANS CONTINUED EFFORT

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AFTER MINISTERIAL TO MOVE HASSAN, BOUMEDIENNA AND OULD DADDAH

CLOSER TO SOLUTION ON SAHARAN ISSUE, BUT HE IS HAVING DIFFICULTY  
GETTING RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT TO MAKE TOKEN CONCESSIONS ON  
REFERENDUM. SENGHOR CONSIDERS SENEGAL'S CONTACTS WITH  
LIBYA TO BE STILL IN EXPLORATORY STATE DURING RECENT  
VISIT, GOS PRIME MINISTER DIOUF FOUND QADHAFI TO BE  
DISTURBING FANATIC. END SUMMARY

2. DURING APRIL 17 MEETING WITH AMBASSAODR, SENECALESE  
PRESIDENT SENGHOR SAID HE HOPED APRIL 19-22 AFRO-ARAB  
FOREIGN MINISTERS MEETING IN DAKAR WOULD ADHERE TO  
NON-POLITICAL AGENDA. HE SAID HE HAD DELAYED HIS EUROPEAN  
VISIT THREE DAYS SO THAT HE COULD TALK TO A NUMBER OF  
FOREIGN MINISTERS WITH THAT GOAL IN MIND AND WOULD ALSO  
TRY TO SET THAT TONE IN HIS OPENING SPEECH (SENGHOR DEPARTS  
APRIL 19 FOR VISITS TO IRAN AND ROMANIA WITH STOP IN FRANCE).

3. WHEN I ASKED WHAT PROGRESS HAD COME IN HIS MEDIATION  
EFFORTS IN SAHARA DISPUTE, SENGHOR SAID IT  
WOULD BE BETTER IF HE DID NOT TALK ABOUT IT. HOWEVER,  
ALGERIANS HAD ACCEPTED SENECALESE ASSISTANCE  
IN QUEST OF FACE-SAVING SOLUTION. PROBLEM NOW WAS  
THAT MOROCCAN ARMY WAS ANXIOUS TO PROVE ITS CONFIDENCE AND HE  
WAS HAVING SOME DIFFICULTY GETTING RABAT AND NOUAKCHOTT TO MAKE  
TOKEN CONCESSIONS IN DIRECTION OF SOME SORT OF REFERENDUM.  
HIS PLAN SOUGHT SOLUTION OF REFERENDUM WHICH WOULD LEAD TO  
FORMER RIO DE ORO BECOMING TWO AUTONOMOUS REGIONS, ONE EACH  
WITHIN MOROCCO AND MAURITANIA. HE CITED NOT TOO HAPPY  
MODEL OF ERITREAS RELATIONSHIP TO ETHIOPIA. AFTER AFRO-ARAB  
MEETING, FOREIGN MINISTER ASSANE SECK WOULD CARRY CAREFULLY  
PREPARED LETTERS FROM SENGHOR TO KING HASSAN AND PRESIDENTS  
OULD DADDAH AND BOUMEDIENNE WHICH SHOULD MOVE THEM CLOSER TO  
SAHARAN SOLUTION. SENGHOR WOULD ALSO BE IN TOUCH WITH UN SYG  
WALDHEIM ON PROBLEM.

4. ON SENEGAL'S RELATIONS WITH LIBYA, IN WAKE OF PRIME  
MINISTER DIOUF'S RECENT VISIT TO TRIPOLI, SENGHOR SAID CONTACTS  
WERE REALLY STILL IN EXPLORATORY STATE. DIOUF HAD FOUND PRIME  
MINISTER JALLOUD A MAN CAPABLE OF DIALOGUE, BUT HE FOUND  
QADHAFI A DISTURBING FANATIC. RELATIONS WOULD PROCEED  
SLOWLY; JALLOUD WOULD BE INVITED TO RETURN DIOUF'S VISIT  
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PROBABLY NEXT YEAR. CONSIDERATION WOULD BE GIVEN, MEANWHILE,  
TO A SENGHOR VISIT TO TRIPOLI IN 1978.  
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